PHARMACARE NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter provides information on the PharmaCare program for British Columbia's community pharmacists. Please circulate among dispensing staff.

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www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/pharmc

Special Services Fees

The number of special services fees paid by PharmaCare over the past months are:

DATE	NO. OF FEES
May 2004	3,206
Apr 2004	3,173
Mar 2004	3,232
Feb 2004	2,826
Jan 2004	3,232
Dec 2003	3,932

DATE	NO. OF FEES
Nov 2003	3,598
Oct 2003	3,941
Sep 2003	3,729
Aug 2003	3,086
Jul 2003	3,381
Jun 2003	3,183

Veterinary Prescriptions - Important Reminder

When dispensing veterinary medications, NEVER assign a PHN to an animal. Instead, use the PHN of the pet's owner.

To prevent the drug from adjudicating on PharmaNet and to ensure the drug will not appear on the pet owner's patient record:

- Use the **veterinarian's license number** as the Practitioner Identification (Pract. ID)
- Use **V9** as the Reference Code

Following the requirements above also ensures that the veterinary prescription will not affect Drug Utilization Evaluation (DUE) results for the pet's owner.

Benefits

The following new products have been included as eligible PharmaCare benefits on **Plans B, C, F, I,** and **Plan G** if applicable, and, effective July 12, 2004, will be included as new LCA categories on PharmaNet:

New Category (Chemical Name)	DIN	MAN	Brand Name	LCA Status	LCA Price
Ciprofloxacin Tab 250mg	2229521	APX	Apo-Ciproflox Tab 250mg	F	
	2247339	OBT	Co-Ciprofloxacin Tab 250mg	F	
	2245647	GPM	Gen-Ciprofloxacin Tab 250mg	F	
	2161737	NOP	Novo-Ciprofloxacin Tab 250mg	F	
	2248437	PMS	Pms-Ciprofloxacin Tab 250mg	F	
	2246825	RPH	Ratio-Ciprofloxacin Tab 250mg	F	
	2248756	RXP	Rhoxal-Ciprofloxacin Tab 250mg	F	
	2155958	UNK	Cipro 250 – Tab 250mg	P	$1.6136
Ciprofloxacin Tab 500mg	2229522	APX	Apo-Ciproflox Tab 500mg	F	
	2247340	OBT	Co-Ciprofloxacin Tab 500mg	F	
	2245648	GPM	Gen-Ciprofloxacin Tab 500mg	F	
	2161745	NOP	Novo-Ciprofloxacin Tab 500mg	F	
	2248438	PMS	Pms-Ciprofloxacin Tab 500mg	F	
	2246826	RPH	Ratio-Ciprofloxacin Tab 500mg	F	
	2248757	RXP	Rhoxal-Ciprofloxacin Tab 500mg	F	
	2155966	UNK	Cipro 500 – Tab 500mg	P	$1.8205
Ciprofloxacin Tab 750mg	2229523	APX	Apo-Ciproflox Tab 750mg	F	
	2247341	OBT	Co-Ciprofloxacin Tab 750mg	F	
	2245649	GPM	Gen-Ciprofloxacin Tab 750mg	F	
	2161753	NOP	Novo-Ciprofloxacin Tab 750mg	F	
	2248439	PMS	Pms-Ciprofloxacin Tab 750mg	F	
	2246827	RPH	Ratio-Ciprofloxacin Tab 750mg	F	
	2248758	RXP	Rhoxal-Ciprofloxacin Tab 750mg	F	
	2155974	UNK	Cipro 750 - Tab 750mg	P	$3.4336
*Omeprazole Tab 20mg	2245058	APX	Apo-Omeprazole Tab 20mg	F	
	2190915	AZC	Losec Tab 20mg	P	$1.4385

*Requires Special Authority (please refer to the PharmaCare Web site for criteria).

New Drugs Categorized to LCA and/or RDP

The following new products have been added as eligible benefits on **Plans B**, **C**, **F**, **I**, and **Plan G** if applicable, to existing Low Cost Alternative Program (LCA) / Reference Drug Program (RDP) categories.

DIN	MAN	DRUG NAME
2248562	APX	Apo-Metronidazole Cap 500mg
2248570	OBT	Co Ranitidine Tab 150mg
2248571	OBT	Co Ranitidine Tab 300mg
2248557	NOP	Novo-Paroxetine Tab 20mg
2248558	NOP	Novo-Paroxetine Tab 30mg
2247067	RPH	Ratio-Simvastatin Tab 5mg
2247068	RPH	Ratio-Simvastatin Tab 10mg
2247069	RPH	Ratio-Simvastatin Tab 20mg
2247070	RPH	Ratio-Simvastatin Tab 40mg
2247071	RPH	Ratio-Simvastatin Tab 80mg
2248170	RXP	Rhoxal-Citalopram Tab 20mg
2248171	RXP	Rhoxal-Citalopram Tab 40mg
2247827	RXP	Rhoxal-Simvastatin Tab 5mg
2247828	RXP	Rhoxal-Simvastatin Tab 10mg
2247830	RXP	Rhoxal-Simvastatin Tab 20mg
2247831	RXP	Rhoxal-Simvastatin Tab 40mg
2247833	RXP	Rhoxal-Simvastatin Tab 80mg

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DIN	MAN	DRUG NAME	CHANGE
2170310	ABB	SSD Crm 1% (Silver Sulfadiazine)	Partial to Full Benefit